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**For President-Elect in 1888,
General JOHN A. Logan,
OF ILLINOIS**

W. WILSON, late of Buffalo Park, later of Wallace, has opened a hotel at Oakley, we see by the *Opinion*.

THE Oakley Opinion strikes Brother Enos under the belt, and he should resent it. It charges that "he comes out last week with a well written biography of the business men" of Grain City.

NAPOLEON THE FIRST. We have seen stated, and so much that being become second nature to him. Until we read this, our lack of knowledge as to the number of Napoleons there are in the world was truly appalling.

Oakley Opinion: The man that came to Oakley to file on a well-timbered claim has found an analogous partner in the fellow that homesteaded N. Sigler's ranch; they both left disgusted, the latter taking some of N. S.' blacksnake sauce with him.

"CHARLEY MILLER, our candidate," merrily chirps the *Hays Sentinel*. In order to appreciate the ludicrousness of the thing, one has only to reflect a few of the very many charges of the most extreme character which the same paper made against this same Miller during the canvass two years ago.

THE Opinion states that a petition to the school superintendent of Trego county, to create an assistant superintendent in St. John township, is in circulation. That paper declares that Oakley will soon have an educational institution. It means, we infer, that a free school will be planted there. This is the model educational institution on these broad Kansas plains.

THE pur of the Thomas Cat in the political field is precisely right: "The election for judge occurs on Nov. 3. The only legal voting place in the county is at Otterbourne post-office. In order that Thomas may be represented in the conventions next year with the delegates he deserves it, it is necessary for the voters to turn out. There should be at least 300 votes cast for judge."

* **MRS. JAMES G. BLAINE,** all the way from that city in Maine called Augusta, spent a week ago last Sunday at Fort Hays. As our readers have already had reason to know, Colonel Coppinger, who is in command at the fort has a daughter of James G. Blaine for his wife. Mrs. Coppinger had been on a visit to Augusta, and her mother accompanied her home. Mrs. Blaine started home on Monday, the 19 inst.

We are in receipt of a copy of each of the first two numbers of the *Oakley Opinion*, published at Oakley, St. John county, by Edward Kleist. The *Opinion* is a six-column folio, is edited with industry and spirit, and will succeed as long as the boom lasts, if not longer. Home advertisers appear in considerable numbers in the *Opinion*, among the more prominent being our friend, L. A. Fisher, of Collyer and Oakley.

MR. BEVERIDGE, who is stopping in this city temporarily, sent to the Green-castle, Ind., *Banner* a copy of the *World* in which appeared our article placing General Logan in nomination for the presidency. That journal publishes a good portion of our article, giving it this introduction: "The *WESTERN KANSAS WORLD*, published at Wa-Keeney, Kansas, hoists the name of Gen. John A. Logan for President in 1888, and expresses the belief that many other papers will do so during the ensuing year, especially those conducted by men who served in the Union army during the rebellion."

THE political situation in Russell county inclines to be interesting, not to say delicate. The Republican county central committee placed on the ticket a candidate for sheriff, and the *Record*, which has always been true-blue Rad, will not support him. That paper claims that he is not the choice of the party in the county for the place. If Brother Franklin is sure of his ground, we see no reason to censure his action. And, politically, it is pretty well known, at least from here down to Russell, that the *World* is Republican so straight as to be inclined to lean backward a little.

THE POINT.

The Wa-Keeney *World* of last week pronounces strongly in favor of Gen. John A. Logan for president in 1888. While we are not ready to swing our hat on an event so far in the future, we may be excused for hazarding the opinion that had that soldier's friend been to the fore on the ticket last year, removals on account of "offensive partisanship" would not be so common as at present. —[*New York News*, 27.]

The editors of the *News* are old soldiers. They know that the great bulk of the old soldier element desire General Logan for the Republican standard bearer in 1888. A few of them question his ability to carry New York state, and are therefore undecided as to whether it would be policy to nominate him. The *News* admits the sophistry of this argument when it says: "We may be excused for hazarding the opinion that had that soldier's friend been to the fore on the ticket last year, removals on account of 'offensive partisanship' would not be so common as at present." The *News* means that in that event John A. Logan would now be president. We meant the same thing when his name was placed at the head of the ticket for the campaign of 1888. If he could have carried New York last year, what on earth can come to prevent his doing so in 1888? This is the question we want answered. It is the point of this whole controversy. The *World* believes that General Logan will carry New York in 1888.

WE SHOULD SNICKER.

The Wa-Keeney *World* says it is going to open its heavy artillery this week in its defense of L. K. Pratt. The *World* does not carry guns of large enough calibre to make very hard hits in this direction, as L. K. P.'s case is too far gone. His anti-semitic society utterances have knocked his judicial goose "higher than a kite." —[*Hays Herald-American Advocate*.]

"Duke" Sweet, of the *Advocate*, has hold of a job which sizes up with that which the calf took when it posted itself on the railroad track to "stand off" the train. In fact, the duke became the willing sponsor of a set of fellows whose brazen effrontery is equaled only by craziness. The *Advocate*, without having heard L. K. Pratt say anything against secret societies, only too willingly correlated what in rumor said, and sought to impress upon it the stamp of truth. The abortion was detected immediately by the press of the district and by every one else who thought a moment concerning it.

The *World* carries guns heavy enough to shoot the liver out of all such rot. It has shown the people the facts in the case. This is enough. Next Tuesday they will administer a dose to demagogues that will make them wish some of these fellows could get their rumps out of sight while their heads are stuck into the sand.

Twenty-five hundred majority for L. K. Pratt!

TESTIMONY OF A HEARER.

Those who know Mr. M. M. Fuller, of the *Ellis Headlight*, will experience no difficulty whatever in believing the utterances below. In his paper this week, he adds emphasis to the pointed denial of Mr. Pratt confirms expressly every word of Mr. Pratt's denial. The foolery of the *Dutch Advocate* has been an abortion of the most intensely abortive order. Hear Mr. Fuller:

We were present and heard every word of the conversation between Mr. Reeder and Mr. Pratt in regard to Masonry, and the statement of L. K. Pratt in the above letter, as to what he said, is correct. Mr. Pratt used the language and words as given in the letter. We don't believe that Reeder Bros. ever authorized the *German American Advocate* to use their names in connection with this statement. Another fact that leads us to this conclusion, is that after Mr. Pratt left Messrs. Reeder's office, Mr. James Reeder and myself had quite an animated discussion as to what Mr. Pratt said or the meaning of the language used, and we agreed that what Mr. Pratt said was true to a greater or less extent in all secret societies.

ALL RIGHT.

This is what we mean to say for L. K. Pratt as to every county in the district, with the possible exception of Ellis, and he may carry that.

This fact, we are aware, does not lessen the heinousness of the conspiracy against him on the part of a few so-called Republicans along this line of railroad. It does show, though, how puny their efforts have been.

L. K. Pratt for judge by a majority of at least twenty-five hundred!

'PEACE REIGNS IN WARSAW.'

Hon. L. K. Pratt, Republican candidate for judge, stopped in Wa-Keeney last Sunday night. He went east Monday morning, intending to stop at Ellis. True to our estimate of the man, Mr. Pratt came down to meet his traducers. The trip will result in doing him good. The people are like God in at least one respect. They hate a coward. Mr. Pratt's bravery, we repeat, will do him good, although the "tempest in a teapot," which a few of his personal enemies had raised so foolishly, was really at an end already. They could dupe no Republican lawyer into running against the regular nominee. They, therefore, stopped all at once in their mad career.

Twenty-five hundred majority for L. K. Pratt next Tuesday!

While going to, while at, and while coming from the recent soldiers' reunion at Topeka, we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Ira W. Gray, of Plainville, Rooks county. He is a gentleman of good address. The Republicans of Rooks county have his name on their ticket for sheriff this fall. His friends in and around Plainville are loud in their praise of Mr. Gray, and declare that he must be elected by a handsome majority. Of course, the *World* hopes to see the election result this way. Rooks Republicans, we believe, are pretty good at standing by their tickets.

The *Oakley Opinion* has gone into the business of describing mirages. This is a subject which admits of infinite expansion, and that paper seems to know it. Here is a starter: "On Friday morning a beautiful mirage was visible here. On the western horizon Monument, which is situated in a hollow eleven miles west, was plainly visible, and to the right and left lay several beautiful lakes of clear water, while in the south a great mountain arose, where formerly only the level prairie was seen. It was indeed a beautiful panorama and attracted quite an attention."

Our pride is genuine at having received a pamphlet containing the addresses of welcome by Governor Martin, September 29, 1885, to the soldiers and sailors at the state reunion, and to the Kansas National guard. These addresses are rich contributions to the literature of the times. Governor Martin is an editorial writer of great experience, and has an exceedingly strong, and at the same time graceful, manner of giving expression to his thoughts. And he is one of the small class of men who are always crowded with thoughts.

During the recent great bereavement of Mr. E. S. Millard and his family, their neighbors in the town and the county have been exceedingly kind. They desire that we give expression to their extreme thankfulness for these friendly manifestations.

Mrs. E. D. Wheeler, of this city, has been very sick for two weeks or so, requiring the almost constant attendance of her husband at her bedside. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler traveled extensively last spring and summer, taking in California and other portions of the West, and stopping only a short time in one place, and Mrs. Wheeler became seriously fatigued. They located in Wa-Keeney some weeks ago.

Judge Henry S. Kelly, of Savannah, Mo., in company with Hon. S. J. Osborn, was a welcome caller last Saturday. The judge and two of his sons were looking after land. Judge Kelly and Mr. Osborn were acquaintances back in Missouri. Mr. Kelly is serving his third term as judge of the 29th judicial circuit of Missouri. He is a recognized authority in legal matters, and is the author of Kelly's Criminal Law and Civil Practice, works which are in extensive use in Kansas.

Captain W. H. Ward, of Topeka, gave the *World* a pleasant call on Tuesday. He has designs, we guess, upon some portion of our new West. The captain had not been here before since the Fourth of July, 1879, when he accompanied Governor St. John hither. The governor delivered the oration here on that day to an audience of not less than 3,000. Captain Ward was his private secretary. The captain is a splendid man, and we would like dearly to have him for a neighbor. Talking about July 4, 1879: No such crowd has ever been in Wa-Keeney since then, although the turnout on every public occasion has been splendid.

Partial Pen Picture.

—*See the Sentinel*, 27.

Business before the U. S. land Office took us to Wa-Keeney the first of the week; and such a rush for land we never witnessed. The two officers and five efficient clerks work from ten to twelve hours a day. The office is only opened for an hour each day, during which time settlers are allowed to file their applications. When we left there Tuesday morning, there were over one thousand applications on file, that had not been acted upon by the office—business is coming in much faster than the office is running it—in other words the office is running farther behind each day. The officers have asked several times to have the force increased, but the reform administration fails to see the necessity. The Register and Receiver are paying three clerks out of their own pockets just to keep in sight of the business that is accumulating. We talked with many settlers, who had been waiting their turn for ten days, and they only hoped to get their papers by next Saturday. The Government can better afford to pay clerk hire than a hundred settlers can afford to wait away from home and on expense a week for their papers.

Special Clubbing Offer.

We call the attention of our readers to our advertisement in another column, of a special offer we make them, to furnish them the *WESTERN KANSAS WORLD* clubbed with the *LEAVENWORTH DAILY TIMES*, both papers one year for \$5, or the *WESTERN KANSAS WORLD* and the *LEAVENWORTH WEEKLY TIMES* one year, both papers, for \$2.00.

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Well, the push-out is nearing the westernmost limits of Kansas. A stage line, Mr. John T. Allen, of Wallace, tells us, is about to be opened between that place and Greeley Center, in Greeley county. He also says that the same kind of an arrangement is to be opened between Wallace and Scott City, in Scott county.

Mr. W. S. Varnum is teaching the school at Ogallah. He is employed for a six months' term. He opened the school on Monday of last week. Mr. Varnum has the reputation of being an excellent teacher. The family have taken up their residence at Ogallah for the winter, at least.

Dr. Buck, superintendent of the State Reform school, has been up to look at his ranch and other things this week. The doctor struck a very handsome thing when he purchased his ranch down on Big creek.

Attention is called to the sale of cattle, which is advertised elsewhere in this issue, by N. W. Mickey, two and a half miles west of Plainville, Rooks county. Mr. Mickey seems to offer some good bargains.

Fred W. Dennis took charge of the Oakes House last Sunday morning. Mr. Eden made money in the business, but he wants to rest awhile. He and Mrs. Eden started to Illinois Wednesday morning.

Mr. T. C. Flory, of the Longton (Kan.) *Times*, has been a welcome caller at different times of late. He has been here on land office business, having taken land out in Greeley county.

By a letter received from Frank Morgan, Esq., we see that he is attending "a very pleasant school, which is building up a 'splendid reputation,' and 'Des Moines is on the boom.'"

Col. Doran, quartermaster of the Department of Kansas, G. A. R., has been in town almost two weeks, on land business. He lives at Wichita.

Mrs. Dr. Jones and her brother, Charles Gibson, returned to Wa-Keeney last week from a lengthy visit in Iowa.

Louis Dueros has had a well sunk a hundred feet into his town lot, with the result of finding plenty of good water.

Hon. W. H. Pilkenton was at Belleville, Republic county, in the early part of the week.

Mr. Hoffman, G. W. Crane & Co's traveling agent, was in town on Monday.

J. R. Kershaw is building an addition to the south side of his residence.

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